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SUBJECT:　　　　Input to the DCI's Annual Report

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and why (e.g., WISP)? From your several perspectives, what problems would you identify for inclusion among the new NIO/I&W's early priorities and why?

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4. [ ] With respect to National/Tactical Interface matters:

-- Is it your impression from your own perspective that we are learning to cope with these issues seriatim, or at risk of losing ground to requirements of increasing stringency and systems of greatly increased cost and some technological uncertainty? Or both?

-- Do the major issues seem to be ones of fiscal means and priorities, of tasking priorities, of institutional boundaries, of disagreement over the technical feasiblty/cost-effectiveness of a task? In what proportions?

-- It is our impression that tactical commanders, especially those operating within an alliance, are concerned that the products of national systems can cause almost as many problems as they solve if those products are not releasable to allied units within their formations or on their flanks (to include, in peacetime, for training and staff and communications development). From your perspectives, how intractable is this problem? Is it essentially political in nature, or technical? Can it be partially solved through expanded use of simulation? Or is consideration of fundamental change in national disclosure policies indicated?

-- What general observations can you make from your perspectives about the major needs vs. usability trade-offs involved in determining the volume of national intelligence designated for lower tactical echelons, including aspects such as communications saturation, optimum level(s) to locate the intelligence usability discrimination function, etc.?

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5. [   ) is responsible for producing this year's DCI Annual Report. Please identify a principal point of contact for her to work with. We shall need your comments by COB 17 November, in order to accomplish integrated drafting of the entire Annual Report in November, review in December, and DCI clearance and production in January.

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Attachments:
1. DCI Revised Outline - AR for 1978
2. DCI letter to NFIB principals requesting
    help on Annual Report

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